GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms prescribed for providing telephone connections in rural areas;

(b) whether the Government proposed to provide free telephone connections to these living below the poverty line;

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Telephone connections in rural areas are being provided to all those who submit a request for telephone with applicable registration fee provided he has not been barred specifically under Telephone Rules. The telephone is provided if technically feasible as and when his turn matures.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration.

(c) Does not arise in view of (c) above.